

PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No.: 9312.52

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		
	Ruben F. Lah	
Serial No.:	10/731,874	Art Unit 1764
Filing Date:	December 9, 2003	
Title:	VALVE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UNHEADING A COKE DRUM	Conf. No. 6740
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NOTICE OF CONCURRENT PROCEEDINGS/DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.565(a)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(b)(1), the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A which contains a list of all potentially-relevant documents from the litigation activity involving U.S. Patent Nos. 6,565,714 and 6,964,727 since the last such submission.

As was set forth previously, Applicant's related patents, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,565,714 and 6,964,727 have been the subject in part of two litigation proceedings; the one that was currently pending as of the last such submission having now terminated by stipulation of the parties, as follows:

Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation v. Z&J Technologies GMBH & Zimmermann & Jansen, Inc., Case No. 2:06-cv-02402-SJO-JTL in the Central District of California, filed April 19, 2006 and terminated on August 21, 2007 by stipulation of the parties.

The other litigation proceeding has terminated, and no new documents associated with that proceeding are submitted herewith.

This submission is made to comply with Applicant's continuing responsibility under 37 C.F.R. 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity in the above-identified concurrent proceedings. As some of the documents in the recently-terminated case were filed under seal and are therefore confidential, such documents are not included in this submission. Applicant includes herewith a copy of the docket from the case so the Office will be aware of the case's entire history.

This submission does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as "prior art" against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0843.

DATED this 16 day of January, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,


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